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Monterey Bar, Culinary Union Talks 5-Day Wk.

Establishment of a 5-day, 40-hour work week in the Monterey area for bartenders and culinary workers is under consideration by four committees which comprise 70 members of Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483, Secretary George L. Rice announced last week.

The committees, representing bartenders, waitresses, cooks and miscellaneous workers of the union, have been instructed by a membership meeting to study the existing contract and make recommendations to the union in regard to a 1950 agreement for the industry on the Monterey Peninsula.

Rice said the committees would make a comprehensive survey of conditions among all members of the union, paying particular attention to the suggestion for a five-day work week, which is a controversial issue at this time. Membership vote on any recommendation will be taken before instructions are given the negotiations committee, it was announced.

Members of Local 483 who have definite ideas on contract conditions should contact union officials or the chairmen of the committees. Committee chairmen are:

Bartenders—John Schlitt.
Waitresses—Dorothy Leitz.
Cooks—Philip Woodside.
Miscellaneous—Warren R. Grieves.

Cannery Repair Work Underway

Ranging from routine maintenance to some major construction, a program of repair and renovation work is underway at various plants on Monterey's famed Cannery Row, union officials report.

No fishing and no fish packing are being done at this time. Warehouses are being emptied and rearranged in some plants.

Squid and anchovies will be packed as soon as fishing is resumed and the catch is sufficient for packing operations, it was said.

Barbers to Hold Two-City Meet

Executive boards of Monterey Barbers Union 896 and Salinas Barbers Union 827 will meet in joint session at Monterey Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Wednesday of this week, according to President Jimmie Butler of the Salinas union. Mutual problems will be considered.

Next regular meeting of the Salinas local will be held at the Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, Butler added.

Arcade Building Set for Salinas

Construction was started last week on a new arcade building in the South Main street business area at Salinas, the building to be located between the big Woolworth and Sears stores.

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, said that the arcade will include eight stores. Contractor is J. A. Roach of Los Angeles.

Disband Land Army

London.—The Women's Land Army created by Great Britain to meet a wartime need is to be disbanded Nov. 30, 1950.

WALKER ENDORSED BY COUNTY DEMOS; SLO MEETING SET

Marion R. Walker, Ventura rancher who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress against the Republican incumbent, Ernest K. Bramblett, was given the endorsement of the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee last week at a meeting in Salinas.

The committee action came despite announcement that John J. Walsh, former New York attorney and now a Carmel realtor, was planning to run for the Democratic nomination for Congress, it was reported.

A special meeting of the Monterey and San Luis Obispo Democratic County Committees and interested observers has been called for Saturday, March 4 (5 p.m.), at Suk's Restaurant in King City, at which time prospective candidates for the State Assembly will be considered.

George L. Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483, has been suggested as a possible candidate for the Assembly.

Bus Fare Boost Draws Salinas Labor Protests

Proposal of the Robb Transportation Co. of Salinas to boost current fares by 50 per cent—from 10c to 15c—drew the fire of AFL unions in the Salinas area last week, a resolution launched by Retail Clerks Union 839 having been adopted by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas and submitted to all affiliates for similar action.

The resolution, which sets forth reasons for the fare increase protests, is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Robb Transportation Co. has requested a rate increase from ten cents (10c) per fare to fifteen cents (15c), and

WHEREAS: The present rate is in conformity with the surrounding areas, and

WHEREAS: The commuter fare is for approximately the same distance as in other areas, and

WHEREAS: The majority of working people live in Alisal area, and

WHEREAS: A majority depend upon this transportation, and

WHEREAS: Because of a poor season there is increased unemployment, and

WHEREAS: The cost of living index is still high, and

WHEREAS: This type of transportation is very necessary to a large number of working people;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that:

1. The Monterey County Central Labor Union hereby goes on record opposing any increase in the transportation rates now prevailing;

2. Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to all Local Unions and the Building Trades Council in the Salinas area.

Sailors on Beach

Portland, Ore.—About 400 members of the Sailors' Unions of the Pacific (AFL) are on the beach here, Port Agent J. W. Massey said. Massey attributed the big upswing in unemployment to government cutbacks, sending of ships to the boneyard and competition of foreign vessels.

Clerks Union Organizing Progress Seen

With a new organizer in the field, the new organizational campaign of Retail Clerks Union 839 of this area is showing substantial gains, Secretary Garold F. Miller announced last week.

The new organizer is Neil Goodwin, who came to the area from San Bernardino Clerk Union 1167, where he had served as a general textile organizer. Goodwin has his offices in Salinas Labor Temple, telephone 4938.

Miller said that Organizer Goodwin would serve all of Santa Cruz and San Benito counties as organizer for the retail industry. He is assisting Miller in Monterey County also.

Recently organized and under contract with Local 839 are:

Cannery Sales, grocery and produce departments, on Del Monte Ave. in Monterey; Vinings Food Store, on Alvarado St. in Monterey; Clark St. Drive-in Market, in Salinas, and others.

Frank Edwards reports the news at 10:15 p.m. Monday through Friday on MBS.

LABOR PEOPLE REGISTERED REPUBLICAN SHOULD CHANGE REGISTRATION TO DEMOCRAT

There are a large number of labor people who are still registered Republican for the primary election. Right now there are strong reasons why those who are interested in turning the tide in behalf of labor should change that registration to the Democratic column.

The reason why labor people should so change their registration is that every last Republican Congressman from California is so definitely against labor and everything that labor stands for that every labor voter should register Democratic in order to assure that no anti-labor Republican should get both nominations as has so often happened in the past.

During recent years the Republican party has swung so completely into the control of big business, especially to that part which is definitely against our labor unions that that party's representatives in Congress are continually voting against labor's interests. Every Republican Congressman from California, and there are twelve of them, lined up against labor on practically every piece of legislation that labor was for in the 81st Congress. Since all these anti-labor Republicans also file on the Democratic ticket there is always the danger such anti-labor candidates may get the Democratic nomination also as long as half of the laboring people are registered Republican. It is simply another way of defeating labor because labor's vote is divided.

The more labor voters, who are now registered Republican, who will go to their county court house and change their registration to Democratic immediately the less apt will all these anti-labor Republicans be to get any Democratic nominations, at the coming primary elections. The only way to defeat these anti-labor Congressmen is to make sure that a pro-labor candidate is on the ballot at the general election to preventing a Republican Congressman from getting his own party's nomination in the primary, but if all labor voters will change their registration to Democratic, if they are now registered Republican, they can really help to prevent such anti-labor Republican candidates from getting the Democratic nomination.

As matters stand today in California the smart move to make for all Republican registered laboring people, who want to get the Taft-Hartley law repealed and have more consideration given to a lot of pending legislation in which labor is deeply interested, is to change their registration to Democratic and thus really become a vital factor in the coming primary election.

Two Carpenter Apprentices Win New Rank

Graduation of two apprentices in the carpenter craft to the rank of journeymen was approved by the Joint Carpentry Apprenticeship Committee in Salinas last week, according to Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Carpenters Union 925.

Three new apprentices were indentured and will be assigned to various carpenters later for training, Baldwin added.

New journeymen are Gerald Robison, who has been working for Contractor Jack Erickson, and Wesley Barker, employed by Pacific Builders.

Those who will become apprentices are Gerald Kaufman, J. T. Newman and Robert Shipp.

High School Bonds Lose at King City

A proposed \$1,129,000 bond issue which would have provided improvements at the over-crowded high school there was defeated last week by a vote of 669 to 450, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272. The bond issue had been proposed to provide new classrooms, gymnasium and cafeteria, a construction project which would have provided much-needed work for building craftsmen, McGinley said.

Painters Adopt State Standards For Apprentices

Painters Union 1104 of Salinas has adopted and is putting into effect the state apprenticeship standards, to cover all apprenticeship training in the Salinas area for painters, Union Secretary Carl Lara reported last week.

Included in the state program is the rotation of apprentices from one type of work to another each six months, a point not always followed formerly, Lara said.

The rotation of work provides a diversity of training for the painters and gives the apprentices an opportunity to work in many different shops, rather than stay in one shop throughout the apprenticeship period.

Lara recently attended a meeting of the executive board of the California State Conference of Painters at Santa Cruz, at which time the apprenticeship training program was considered thoroughly, along with a review of state gains for painters and legislative affecting the craft.

Work for painters in the Salinas area is reported as follows by Lara: Lindell Painting Service has started work on the new Prunedale School, calling for additional men.

Pacific Builders has re-hired about 15 men laid off during stormy weather to continue painting in the Santa Lucia Village tract.

Bob Barrett, Salinas painting contractor, has started work for S. Bearn, general contractor, on painting in the Gabilan Acres tract, where the union has checked to make sure that non-union painters were not used.

Painting apprentices of Local 1104 will be given opportunity to see films of the painting industry, showing all phases of the work, under special arrangements being made with Sherwin-Williams Paint Co., union Secretary Carl Lara reports.

Laborers Plan Death Benefits

A special called meeting for members of Laborers' Union 690 of Monterey has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Bartenders' Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at which time plans for a death benefit program administered by the union will be explained.

Union Secretary S. M. Thomas said that the plan calls for creation of a special death benefit fund and for payment of death benefits \$250 to survivors of members as soon as death certificates are filed with the union. This would be in addition to any death payment from the international union, he said.

Council Group Assists Clerks

A special committee of three prominent officials of unions in the Monterey area has been set up by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council to assist Retail Clerks Union 839 in contract negotiations with the Ordway Market, in Fremont St. extension in the Seaside area.

The committee, operating as a special organizing committee of the council, includes Lester Caveny, business agent of the Fish Cannery Workers Union; George L. Rice, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, and William G. Kenyon, business agent of General Teamsters Union 890, it was reported.

Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 896 Bellomy Ave., Santa Clara, phone AXminster 6-3625; office, San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYpress 3-7537.

BARBERS 627—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 416 Monterey St., phone 4-0. Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 56 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Banner, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849. **Hollister-Gilroy Officers:** Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Sec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 570 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thos. A. Small, office at 305 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone DIamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Tom Mill, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716. Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Floyd Hill, Sec., A. W. Feiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694W, office phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187. Sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, 146 Alton Rd., phone 21156. Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Carl Lara; Sec.-Treas., Garold Miller, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 3:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Pres., Louie Vistalli, 664 Terrace St.; Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays, Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2896.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley, Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 15th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Bill Gray, 16th and Capp St., San Francisco, phone Market 1-4958; Branch Agt., Ronald Schaeffer, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 6572.

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple, Pres. Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820. Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 525 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRostie, 53rd Ave., Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Norman F. Kephart, 133 Avis Court, Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 4634.

NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2279—Meets on call, Labor Temple, 2111 Webster St., Oakland, Pres., Chas. L. Waite, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland, phone OLYmpic 2-3102. Sec.-Treas., Jean Johnson, 5463 Claremont Ave., Oakland, phone OLYmpic 3-0720.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., John J. Warburton, 1021/2 Conley, phone 3169. Rec. Sec., Peter Greco, 38 Marion, phone 2-1509. Fin. Sec. & Bus. Rep., Carl Lara, 27A McGinley Way, phone 8544; office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 9782.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Nicholas Christler, 502 Lincoln; Sec. and Bus. Agt., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Vice Pres., Oscar Joseph. Fin. Sec., Robt. Grimes. Bus. Agt., John E. Turnbow, 49 Pearl St., phone 2-3654. Office at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-3517. Ex. Bd. meets each Wednesday night, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Elmer W. Gipe, 1236 Circle Dr., phone 6102; Sec., H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard, 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec., R. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office at 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014. Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternating at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 217, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, Office phone Monterey 6744.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 422—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karch, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20618—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRostie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, phone 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 9597.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 247 Paloma; Sec., Peeter A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

Minimum Wage Law in Effect; Many Benefit

The new minimum wage of 75 cents an hour, provided for by amendment of the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage and Hour Law) will benefit only about a million and a half workers in the nation.

Earl T. Baker, who represents the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Dept. of Labor, in this area, said the advance from 40 cents to 75 cents would mean an increase in the nation's wage bill of less than one per cent.

"The greater part of the more than 22 million workers covered by the Act have been getting at least 65 cents an hour," he said. "But the higher minimum rate does correct the former minimum of 40 cents for the increase in the cost of living that has taken place since 1938, when the original law went into effect."

A covered employee who works 40 hours a week and every week of the year, and who received only the minimum wage, would earn but \$1,560 a year, he pointed out.

"Recent official budgets show that a modest but adequate standard of living for a city worker's family in most cities requires an income of more than \$3,000 a year," he said.

"The Administrator is authorized to sue on behalf of employees," he said, "and upon the written request of the employee. The employee, by consenting to the filing of a suit by the Administrator, waives his right to sue for an equal amount as liquidated damages as set forth by Section 16(b) of the original Act. However, this section of the Act is retained and an employee can sue under it or request the Administrator to sue in his behalf."

"The Administrator can sue to collect unpaid overtime as well as unpaid wages. He is also authorized to supervise the payment of back wages. A two-year statute of limitations applies to the right to sue."

Baker can be reached by writing to 1986 Coastland Ave., San Jose.

Starr Sees Need Of New Incentives

Ithaca, N. Y.—Mark Starr, educational director of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union, says that "a major problem confronting labor and management is the search for new incentives."

"The old incentives of individual gain, professional advancement and interest in work have lost their previous power," he writes in the quarterly "Industrial and Labor Relations Review" of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.

Mr. Starr said the workers must be kept informed, given some security and regularity of employment, and some group service as incentives to cooperation.

He said that too often the modern corporation robs the worker of incentives by making him feel overlooked and taken for granted, by spurning his suggestions, by not informing him about the corporation's prospects, by firing him arbitrarily.

GM Profits Up

New York—Profits of the General Motors Corp. reached an all-time high in 1949, soaring to well over \$600 million after taxes. This record-breaking figure, amounting to over \$1.6 million in net profits per day, was announced by GM Board Chairman A. P. Sloan Jr.

Frank Edwards reports the news at 10:15 p.m. Monday through Friday on MBS.

LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
GAROLD F. MILLER, Secretary

Delegates of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas informed the Central Labor Union of Monterey County at the February 3 meeting in Salinas that plans for a new Labor Temple in Salinas are being drawn and should be ready for presentation to the labor council and to various unions shortly.

Details of the plans which, it is hoped, will result in a new home for the Salinas AFL unions, will be announced later.

In Union Circles

Mrs. Lillian Johnson, office secretary for Laborers Union 272 at Salinas, was confined to her home with an injury last week. She returned to work on Friday and told her friends that she had suffered from a back injury, the nature of which was not determined.

S. M. Thomas, business agent for four Monterey unions, has established offices in Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado street, Monterey. He represents Laborers Union 690, Lathers Union 122, Plasterers and Cement Finishers Union 337, and Bricklayers Union 16. His telephone number at the office is 6744.

State Income Tax filing assistant will be given by special state deputies in Monterey County at the following places and days: Salinas, county courthouse, Feb. 27; Monterey, city hall, Feb. 20-25; Carmel, Monterey County Bank, Feb. 15, and Bank of Carmel, Feb. 16; Pacific Grove, Bank of America, Feb. 17-18. Single persons with income over \$2000 and married persons with income over \$3500 per year must file state income tax returns this year.

Prices Drop A TINY Bit!

Washington.—Retail prices for consumers in cities inched downward in the last month of 1949, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Jan. 26. According to the BLS consumer index, the entire reduction of prices during 1949 amounted to 2.3 per cent. This slight decline has been used by many employers as an excuse to refuse to raise wages, and even to justify wage cutting.

On the other hand, there have been numerous criticisms of the methods used by BLS in arriving at its price index, which is nevertheless the most complete general price survey available. BLS is involved in a three-year job of revising its cost sampling methods to bring them up to date.

Denham Loves Bosses

Washington.—Undisturbed by calls from the labor movement for his removal from office, NLRB Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham continued to offer anti-union employers both comfort and advice in dealing both with labor and the NLRB. His forum was a labor relations conference organized by the American Trucking Assn. and the villain of his speech was the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL).

New York Jobless

Albany, N. Y.—So many New Yorkers were jobless in 1949 that they received a record-breaking \$357 million in unemployment insurance benefits, 93% more than the 1948 figure which marked the previous high.

No-Raiding Pact

Washington.—An agreement banning raiding has been signed by the International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) and the United Auto Workers (CIO).

Calif. CIO Ouster

Washington.—Acting on the recommendation of a 3-member hearing committee, CIO Pres. Philip Murray announced he had revoked the certificate of affiliation of the California industrial union council.

Business at the council meeting was pretty much routine, one of the highlights being the adoption of a resolution submitted by Retail Clerks Union 839 in opposition to proposed increase of fares of Robb Transportation Co. This resolution is printed in full elsewhere in the Labor News.

The council secretary was instructed to prepare a summary of the per capita taxes paid by various unions into the council.

Sugar Workers Union delegates informed the council that officials of their state council were present at their January meeting to explain a proposed Federal law which would allow pensions of \$12.80 to each war veteran for each month spent in active duty.

Carpenters Union delegates announced that Bro. Ferris now is steward on the Moss Landing project (P.G.&E.) and plans are being made for a full time steward at Soledad on the state prison job.

Dead Casket Jobs

Philadelphia.—A recent offer by the Upholsterers Intl. Union (AFL) to meet jointly with the Chicago Casket Manufacturers Assn. to make an impartial study of the serious economic conditions in the industry has been turned down by the employers, the union disclosed here. The proposal was made after the breakdown of negotiations between the Chicago local and the association, representing 13 manufacturers employing about 500 workers.

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Farm Union Urges Members to Register

H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, last week announced in Washington, D. C. that he had instructed officers of all locals to put into immediate effect a plan whereby every member who became a qualified voter in 1950 would be exempt from payment of one month's membership dues.

Mitchell's action was authorized by the 16th annual convention of the National Farm Labor Union held last month in Fresno.

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Dry Southwest May Receive Water from Wet N. Coast

The first objective of the Bureau of Reclamation's United Western Investigation is to determine what surplus water, if any, may be available for export from the Northwest to water-deficient areas throughout the entire West. Authority for this statement came from S. P. McCasland, engineer in charge of the investigation. McCasland said the investigation is now estimating the water which may be available in the Columbia River and other streams of the Northwest, including those of northern California, after a supply for all possible future demands of the Northwest has been reserved. In short, he said, the study constitutes a preliminary reconnaissance to ascertain the justification for a more detailed investigation in connection with the diversion and multiple exchange of surplus and waste waters from the Northwest to areas with a deficient supply.

The reconnaissance was initiated because of the badly unbalanced distribution of supply and demand throughout the West. McCasland points out, for example, that the entire supply afforded by the Colorado River is estimated at less than five per cent of the water which now flows to the ocean in north coastal streams.

The reconnaissance, initiated last year through a special Project Planning Office established in Salt Lake City, is to be completed in 1952. In keeping with Congressional policy governing investigations of land and water resources, all states affected by the study will be invited to review the Bureau's reconnaissance report on the United Western Investigation and make comments on it, which comments, together with those of other Federal agencies, will be transmitted to Congress.

FUTURE NEEDS

In determining future water needs, a summary is being made of all the lands which might ever be irrigated under future conditions, McCasland explained. A similar estimate is being made for industrial, municipal, and all other foreseeable water uses which might arise under conditions of ultimate development. Being considered as available for export are only the waters which would remain after a supply had been reserved for these present and potential local demands.

The study also will include making cost estimates of the various ways in which any surplus water in the Northwest might be transported to the areas where it would be used, and such costs will be compared with the benefits which would accrue as a result of the new water made available in the areas of deficiency. If these comparisons are favorable, it is expected that detailed investigations

and plans will follow.

Investigation will be made of the means by which the plan could compensate for any disadvantage to existing or future power production which might result from the export of water otherwise utilizable for power. Exploration will be made of the possibility of using steam power for such means.

BIG NEEDS IN SOUTH

McCasland said that municipal, industrial and agricultural use for water in large areas, particularly in the southwestern United States, is growing at a rate which will in the near future exceed the supply. As local surface supplies are fully exploited and ground water reserves exhausted, expansion or even maintenance of the accomplished development will depend upon an imported water supply. The problem is to work out a long-range plan for progressively satisfying these needs as they arise, from the best possible sources of water supply.

Feasibility of exchanges which might permit greater upstream utilization of the water resources of the Colorado and other rivers is an important phase of the study. An example is a possible multiple exchange of water whereby imported water would replace or expand present uses in southern California, thereby releasing some of the Colorado River water now used in that area and making it available for possible use in other Colorado River Basin states.

Assisting the Project Planning Office in Salt Lake City with the study are the regional offices of the Bureau in Boise, Idaho; Sacramento, California; Boulder City, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Watchman Reappointed

A. (Sandy) Watchman, former president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, was this week reappointed a member of the Industrial Accident Commission by Governor Warren, for the ensuing four-year term.

First appointed to the post during the term of Governor Olson, he was reappointed when Governor Warren took office. His appointment this week will start him off on his third four-year term.

Watchman's familiarity with the problems of the working man and his understanding of the functions and aspirations of the building trades unions, gained during his leadership of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, have aided him materially in the carrying out of the responsibilities of his important office.

British Unions OK Government

London—The British Trades Union Congress has appealed to organized labor throughout the country to vote for the Labor Government in the general election February 23.

The congress issued a manifesto which said that few people in Great Britain or the world have anything to gain from a change of government in Britain.

It acknowledged the financial aid received from the United States and British Commonwealth countries since the end of the war, pointed to social welfare advances of the government since 1945, and remarked that one of the first acts performed by the Labor Government in 1945 was to set the trade unions free from the restrictive and punitive trades dispute legislation passed by the Conservative Government after the 1926 general strike.

Maritime Jobless At Peak in S.F.

Unemployment among seamen in San Francisco is at an all-time high, according to the California State Dept. of Employment.

During the first two weeks of 1950, 3,718 claims were paid, as against 2,868 in 1949 and 1,213 in 1948. Aside from the effect of the maritime strike last year, employment among maritime workers has been sliding downhill ever since trade with China was halted.

Capt. Charles May, president of the national organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (AFL), called the situation "as bad as 1910." But Sec. Harry Lundberg of the Sailors Union of the Pacific (AFL) said that though "shipping is slack, we don't need a crying towel yet." Sailors still are busy on coastwise tankers, he said.

Forced Listening

Something new has been added to the poisonous witches' brew of anti-democratic, anti-labor, anti-Fair Deal propaganda. This is the technique of the "captive audience" or "forced listening." The device amounts to compelling the workers, on company time or paid overtime, to attend in-plant meetings where hired spiers pour out their propaganda to audiences who cannot get away and who cannot raise questions or answer back. It has been used in General Motors plants, Allis-Chalmers, Mueller Brass, Swift & Co., and others.—United Automobile Worker (CIO).

AMA Can't Answer

One of the most revealing parts of the American Medical Assn.'s crusade against national health insurance is its dictum against member doctors appearing in forums on the issue. The reason for such an order is obvious. Every time a physician has debated health insurance, his arguments have been torn to bits. He can't answer the questions or justify the AMA's stand.—Trainman News (unaffiliated).

Boost Lowest Pay

Washington—The federal wage-hour law amendments of 1949 went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, bringing wage increases of varying amounts to low-paid workers estimated by the Labor Dept. at 1½ million. At the same time, employees whose number can only be roughly guessed at around a half million, lost protection of the law through exemptions put in by Congress in an effort to get the law passed.

Diego Labor Noted

San Diego — Three AFL leaders have been named to the 1950 San Diego county grand jury. They are Sec. John Quimby of the Central Labor Council, Sec. Kenneth G. Bitter of the Building Trades Council, and his assistant, William Parker. The jury investigates conditions in the city and county.

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HONOR GOMPERS—Postmaster Gen. Jesse M. Donaldson presents Labor Sec. Maurice J. Tobin with the first sheet of centennial stamps honoring Samuel Gompers, founder of the AFL.

EDITORIALS

BETTER NOT START WAR III

Since before World War II came to an end there has been a well defined propaganda being spread to get as many people as possible to think that a third world war is inevitable. Those doing most to spread this idea are usually the kind of people, who profited immensely by the last war, and who imagine they will profit likewise or even more if they can get another world war started.

The fact of the matter is that nobody knows what the outcome of another war may be. Instead of another war being a short-cut to riches it could easily take a turn that would lead to the complete undoing of those who are clamoring for war today. Warfare has become so terrible and so expensive that the next war might destroy all or most of the wealth that the richest people of today have accumulated.

Instead of another war insuring those who want it the fabulous wealth of which they may be dreaming it is much more likely that such a war would ruin them completely. Instead of achieving what they want to accomplish with such a war the exact opposite could be the actual outcome. Nobody can give the slightest assurance of what the outcome of another war would be. Practically all predictions are mostly wishful thinking.

It is impossible for a third world war to come unless somebody starts it. We better not start it. If another world war must come let someone else be the aggressor.

RENT CONTROL STILL NEEDED

Unless Congress does something about extending rent control before June 30th all rent control will be automatically removed. In case this happens we can look for shameless skyrocketing of rents as soon as rent controls come to an end.

Under the present rent control act it was left optional for localities and states to remove their local rent controls and in every case where this has been done rents have gone up, all of which proves that complete removal of rent controls at the present time would be followed by an orgy of rising rents until they reached the maximum of what that traffic would bear, for as long as a condition of house shortages is still acute.

For all these reasons a rigorous rent control law should remain in force for at least two years more. If by that time enough extra rental homes have been completed for occupancy to take care of our growing population that would be the proper time to lift all rent controls.

As everybody should know there is no class of exploiters of our inhabitants, who is so ready to up prices at every opportunity as our landlord grafters. There would be far more justice in extending rent controls to many additional communities for another year or two than in removing those controls that still remain.

ELECTION OF OUR PRESIDENT

Efforts are being made to change our national constitution so that instead of the political party getting the highest vote in a state getting all the electoral votes of that state a candidate for president would only get his proportionate share. Such a plan would be fairer than the one we have and should ordinarily assure the election of the candidate that received the highest vote in the country as a whole, which has not always been the case under the present system. Of course, if electors could still lawfully break faith with their political parties and elect somebody else little would be gained.

However, it would be still better and much fairer to elect our presidents and vice presidents entirely by the popular vote cast in the whole country, exactly as we now elect our governors in nearly every state of the union. Under such a plan the candidate who received the highest vote in the whole United States would be the duly elected president.

To elect our presidents and vice presidents under this plan it would only be necessary to abolish entirely the electoral college and provide for voters electing the president directly. While they are at it why don't those now proposing amendments make a complete job of it by setting up such an arrangement under which the total vote in all our states would determine who would be elected president.

What is fundamentally wrong about the electoral college is that those elected to it could elect whoever the majority of the college might take a notion to elect if they wanted to, thus ignoring entirely the will of the American voters.

IBEW Victory In System Wide PG&E Election

One of the longest and toughest organizational campaigns in IBEW history went into the record books this week, on Wednesday, when the NLRB announced completion of vote counting for the system-wide election gave the IBEW bargaining rights for 12,500 employees. Official tally was:

IBEW - AFL.....6,749
UWUA - CIO.....2,550
No Union.....241

Merritt Snyder, IBEW representative in charge of the campaign, pointed out that the IBEW had rolled up a vote margin of approximately 3 to 1 over the UWUA-CIO.

The loss was a virtual death-knell for the UWUA nationally, leaving that union with only about 1500 steam plant employees on the Pacific coast in southern California, and approximately 28,000 members in the East employed by the New York Consolidated Edison Company.

GOOD UNION MEN

Snyder said one of the most important facts revealed by the vote was that PG&E employees recognize the need for collective bargaining through union membership. He pointed out that out of 9,540 votes cast only 241 had voted for "no union."

He said that members of the rival UWUA union would be invited to take an active part in union affairs under the IBEW. International Representative Larry Drew, "Heavy" Newcombe, and Kenny Favell, who had been assigned to assist Snyder by IBEW Ninth District Vice President Oscar G. Harbak, were expected to take part in the important task of welding the PG&E groups into an effective collective bargaining unit.

Contracts, which had been in force before the NLRB announced its decision to hold an election, had been extended through mutual agreement by all parties concerned. Effective date of these contracts had been January 1.

The four Bay divisions of the company will be the principal theatre for these unity efforts. It was in this area that the principle UWUA strength had been concentrated before the election. In the eleven outlying divisions of the company the IBEW had been effectively organized as the official bargaining unit for 7,000 employees for several years under Local 1245, IBEW.

Local 1245, through the direction of Business Manager Charles Mason, had itself contributed greatly to the overall victory by throwing about 13 executive board members, business representatives and stewards into the campaign on a full-time basis.

EVERYONE WORKS

The IBEW representatives, under Merritt Snyder, assisted the newly chartered IBEW Local 1325 in UWUA territory. The full Local 1324 executive board, led by President Glasson and Secretary White, worked the field from San Jose on the south, to Eureka on the north. A highlight of the campaign was the vigorous manner in which the rank and file Local 1324 members pitched into the campaign through their nine field units.

For the IBEW itself, the campaign was one of the longest and most costly on record.

It began late in 1948, when rank and file members of the UWUA became dissatisfied with UWUA interference with local autonomy and voted to set up their own local under the IBEW. A charter was given to the group, at their own request, through the offices of Oscar Harbak.

DELAY

He assigned International Representative Chuck Hughes to the campaign. Hughes directed the campaign during the long drawn

out NLRB hearings. The groundwork laid by him and Merritt Snyder was largely responsible for the eventual NLRB decision permitting an election, although that decision was not to come until November 26, 1949, about a year after Local 1324 charter had first been issued and nearly six months after Hughes had retired from the campaign under doctor's orders.

Merritt Snyder, who was in the campaign from the beginning, was given the reins. He steered the IBEW fortunes through one of the most vicious mudslinging campaigns ever faced by any union. Snyder insisted throughout that the campaign be conducted by the IBEW on strictly trade union issues. In this he had the full support of the IBEW international office.

Snyder said that the IBEW victory was strictly a team victory. PUBLICITY

Also credited in the victory was the IBEW's approach to the campaign through its public relations. Something more or less new in organizational drives was instituted by the IBEW. A weekly paper, printed on slick paper in keeping with the quality of its news and the quality of IBEW unionism, was circulated to PG&E employees throughout the year-long wait for an election.

The paper, Utility Facts, was a big factor in keeping up morale of Local 1324 supporters, and in refuting the many lies spread by the panicky UWUA, whose campaign was directed by National UWUA officers.

Big Mackerel Haul

Terminal Island.—Commercial fishermen landed 36,500,000 pounds of Pacific mackerel in California ports during the 1948-49 season, according to the Division of Fish and Game.

Scoop boats accounted for 27,500,000 pounds of the total, while seine boats caught about 9,000,000 pounds.

A Division report stated that the total catch was one of the poorest on record since 1933, due in part to a tie-up of the seine fleet during the best fishing months.

The scoop fishery is a specialized technique developed in southern California and is used only in mackerel fishing. Each of the small scoop boats carries a long-handled dip net made of a deep mesh bag hung on a spring steel hoop about 28 inches in diameter.

The fish are first schooled about the boat by chumming with ground bait. The fisherman, who stands in a rack hung over the side of the boat, then is able to catch the mackerel in the scoop as they rush for the bait.

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Bits Of Humor

In the library, a sign reads: "Only low conversation permitted here."

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"She jilted me."

"Well, why didn't you tell her about your rich uncle?"

"I did. Now she's my aunt."

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Says a grouchy bachelor: "A kiss is so tender. What ecstasy it brings—flavored with cosmetics and cigarette smoke and all such things."

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"Dad, this article says that the man was a financial genius. What does that mean?"

"It means he could earn money faster than his family could spend it."

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"Willie thought his gal Irene Surely was the village queen. But shortly she had all his dough And left him for another Joe."

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One of our bowlers reports a sign on a local alley: "Rita's got her Aly. Come in and try ours." Which reminds us how we liked Neil Morgan's gag about Rita's baby being named for an early blooming flower, Jasmine.

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Mother (to young son): "Tommy hasn't come to the party. Did you invite him, as I told you to?"

Son: "Yes, mother, I not only invited him to come, I dared him."

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A bride of a few weeks greeted her husband one evening with a happy smile. "Well, dear," she said, "your dinner is going to be different tonight. A neighbor told me today that we're supposed to add water to the dehydrated foods."

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It is not only British, but American ladies on a diet who become aware of the difficulty of devaluating the pound.

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"Our little dog's the sweetest pup. He runs and plays and squeaks, But still I think I'll give him up. He's not much good, he leaks."

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The pupils of a school were given a holiday because of the teachers' institute. One seven-year-old startled his parents by announcing: "No school tomorrow. The teachers are going on an innocent toot."

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Three Boy Scouts reported that they had done a good deed—they had helped a lady across the street. "Yes," said the scoutmaster, "that was a good deed. But why did it take all three of you?" "Because," explained one of the trio, "she didn't want to go."

Rail Strike Vote

Seattle.—A nationwide strike vote being conducted by the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) will carry "without question," the president of the 228,000 member union said. William P. Kennedy said the strike vote is necessary to enable Pres. Truman to declare a national emergency and name fact-finders if mediation fails.

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Need Thousands Of Homes To Fit Low Wages

(AFL Release)

Miami, Fla.—The AFL Executive Council punctured the real estate industry's grandiose self-congratulations on 1949's record home-building.

And it called for continuation of effective rent controls until the supply of homes is increased sufficiently to "fit the pocketbooks of the millions of families who are without decent housing."

The Council statement said: "Compared with the 1920-1929 decade, production of housing has increased much less than production of automobiles or other consumer goods. Indeed, the 1949 record still represents only two-thirds of the level that is necessary if we are to lick the housing shortage within the next decade."

"Not only has the 1949 level of construction failed to meet the over-all need, but it has particularly failed to meet the needs of moderate-income families, including, in particular, the majority of American workers."

AVERAGE PAY STILL \$55

"The average wage of factory employees today is about \$55 a week. According to recognized income and budget statistics, this provides \$60 per month for housing purposes. Last year, however, under the existing FHA private housing program, rentals of new apartments averaged \$90 a month and prices of new homes for sale averaged \$8,000, involving a monthly housing cost of upwards of \$80. Clearly the housing needs of American workers and their families are not being met."

"The crying need among American families today is a middle-income housing program. Such a program is now before Congress."

"In the Senate, the Banking and Currency Committee is considering S. 2246, introduced by Sen. John Sparkman, as modified by an amendment introduced by Sen. Burnet Maybank. In the House, a similar bill has been offered by Congressman Brent Spence."

"These bills would make possible private financing of long-term low interest loans for cooperative housing projects for middle-income families."

CAN'T AFFORD \$80 RENTS

"We estimate that under the terms of this bill rents for an average 4½-room apartment would be reduced to \$55-\$65 a month. This compares with rents of similar dwellings offered by private builders of \$80 a month or more."

"This program offers a practical means of obtaining decent homes for thousands of middle-income families at prices they can afford to pay. We urge its immediate enactment so that we can begin to meet the acute housing shortage of our moderate-income families."

"However, we recognize that at the present time, the housing

shortage is still with us. Until the middle-income housing program as well as the low-rent public housing program enacted last summer greatly increases our supply of homes, an effective rent control program must be continued. We can safely remove rent controls in only one way—by building an adequate supply of homes that fit the pocketbooks of the millions of families who are without decent housing today."

BUILDING WAGES MODERATE

Some impressive evidence in support of the Federation's position was given by Herman T. Stichman, New York State housing commissioner, when he appeared before the Council to describe the state's experience with a cooperative housing project for veterans."

Stichman revealed that he has made an extensive study of building costs and found that "it's absolutely not true that wages of the construction workers are responsible for the high costs."

"Speculative builders skim the cream and gouge the public with high rentals while labor is given an unfair share of the responsibility," he declared.

HIGH PROFITS BLAMED

In an ordinary project, he explained, the general contractor and a whole string of sub-contractors all roll up a profit, with the result that total profits usually exceed 16 per cent of the cost—"and that's exclusive of speculative profits on the land."

Then he cited a pilot "co-op" project for veterans, sponsored by New York state, in which the contractors' profits were set at a base of 5½ per cent, with a provision for equal sharing of any profits between that and a maximum of 7½ per cent.

Not only did the low profits reduce the monthly carrying charge for tenants, but the contractor, through a split in the profits above 5½ per cent, saved \$400,000 for the "co-op," Stichman declared.

Net result was that it was possible to set the rents at an average of \$14.50 a room, compared to almost \$30 in most private projects, he said.

"Labor should get this story to the public and offset the propaganda that workers are to blame for high rents," Stichman urged.

The state of Georgia is the largest producer of kaolin in the U.S.

FDR's Words Still Live

New York.—Jan. 30, 1950, would have been Franklin D. Roosevelt's 68th birthday celebration. His death almost five years ago removed one of the great figures of American life, but as with all great men, his speeches and off-the-cuff comments preserve him as a vital, living force today. Among the words FDR will long be remembered for:

"I believe now, as I have all my life, in the right of workers to join unions and to protect their unions."—Radio address, May 2, 1943.

"Our greatest primary task is to put people to work. This is no unsolvable problem if we face it wisely and courageously. It can be accomplished in part by direct recruiting by the government itself, treating the task as we would treat the emergency of a war, but at the same time, through this employment, accomplishing greatly needed projects to stimulate and reorganize the use of our natural resources." — Inaugural address, March 4, 1933.

POOR BEN!

"Pop," said Little Luther, "I'm taking up a collection. Hand over some dough."

"Why, certainly, son," said Mr. Dilworth, taking out his checkbook. "How much do you think I ought to give?"

"Hey," said Little Luther, delightfully surprised. "You really do have a heart, after all. Wait till I tell the boys down at the Mothers Little Helpers & Errand Boys Union Hall that you're kicking in to our collection for the mine strikers' kids."

"The what for who?" Mr. Dilworth shrieked.

"Our collection for the mine strike . . ."

"Stop!" cried Mr. Dilworth. "You're trying to trap me. Why, I just naturally assumed you were talking about poor old Ben."

"What's the matter, has it stopped or something?"

"No, no, not the clock. I'm talking about poor old Ben Fairless."

"You mean the president of U. S. Steel Corp.? Has he been fired without severance pay or something? Is he down to his last billion?"

"Worse than that," said Mr. Dilworth. "What a noble, noble soul. To think that for the last 20 years he's been skimping along like this and never said a word about it."

"Never said a word? Why, every time U. S. Steel announces a price increase, it issues a 2,000-word statement explaining how patriotic it is."

"But this time it's different, Luther. This goes right to the heart of free enterprise. Old Ben has come right out and admitted that U. S. Steel hasn't had a fair return on its investment for the last 20 years."

"Pop," said Little Luther, "let me give you some of the facts of life. U. S. Steel in the first nine months of last year had \$88 million in profits, clear and free of taxes. This was an all-time record. Before you get out your crying towel, let me add that this was a 51% increase over the profits of 1948, which likewise set up an all-time record. The year before also saw a record in profits."

"It's obvious," Mr. Dilworth interrupted, "that you don't know the way our system works. It's true that profits may appear to be going up, but think of the costs! Just think how much U. S. Steel spends every time it has to take a full-page ad denouncing those lazy, shiftless steel workers and coal miners who want to take the bread out of poor old Ben's mouth."

"Any time the going gets too rough for poor old Ben," said Little Luther, "he can retire on his \$50,000-a-year pension. In the meantime, how about kicking in some dough to help the miners get a fair return on their work?"

"Agitator," snarled Mr. Dilworth.

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825; Sec. Agt., Roy Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, office phone Monterey 6744.

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Look Who's Talking!

Miami, Fla.—The Board of Directors of the National Chamber of Commerce advised Congress that to establish a labor extension service in the Labor Department would cause less rather than greater understanding of labor-management problems.

Chamber members, who enjoy one of the most expensive free government-aid programs through the Department of Commerce, say labor doesn't need any federal education extension assistance because present union programs and college courses are sufficient.

Boob Outfit Set to Stab Labor Unions

(State Fed. Release)

The committee for Constitutional government, notorious anti-labor front operating out of New York, has announced that it will make available, at low cost, a paper-bound edition of "The Road Ahead," John T. Flynn's literary assault on the life of the American labor movement.

Flynn and the Devin-Adair Publishing Company have thus aligned themselves with perhaps the most dangerous anti-labor body in the nation.

In a telegram addressed to all members of Congress as of October 18, 1948, Willford I. King, chairman of the nefarious committee, declared:

"Congress should pass a law prohibiting any organization comprising the employees of more than one employer from combining to bargain concerning either wages or hours, making it a criminal offense for any employee to violate this law."

But wait, there's more to come: "The most effective way of putting teeth into such legislation and punishing any person who quits work at the behest of any such illegal combination would be to forbid any employer to pay, within two years, to any such striker an hourly wage or piece rate higher than 85 per cent of the hourly wage or piece rate last paid to said person. Any grant of additional fringe benefits to such persons should also be prohibited."

"The law could be enforced more easily by thus acting through the employer, than it could be by attempting to punish all violators directly."

The concern telegram was later printed and distributed as educational material by the committee for constitutional government. The committee has recently formed its shock-troop unit, "Fighters For Freedom," and hopes to extend the committee influence into every American city.

Lincoln on: Capital, Labor



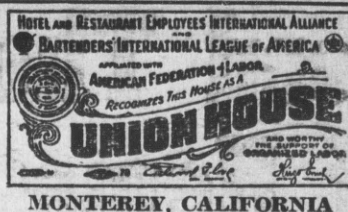
"It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital; that no one labors unless somebody else, owning capital, somehow by the use of it induced him to labor. Now there is no such relation between labor and capital as assumed nor is there any such thing as a free man being fixed for life in the condition of a hired laborer. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. . . .

"Thank God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike. Whatever the pressure, there is a point where the workingman may stop. . . ."

"All that serves labor serves the nation. All that harms labor is treason. No line can be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he loves his country, yet hates labor, is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts his country, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no country without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other."

The best carrots for the table have a deep orange color and tender flesh, and are free from a conspicuous green core.

Local 483 Reports



MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Your secretary has just received a report that Brother Tony Degatano, who has been a patient at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco for some time, underwent surgery during the past week, and is seriously ill. Any of our members who may be in San Francisco during the coming few weeks are urged to drop by the hospital and pay Tony a visit.

The entire membership is reminded that the 14th anniversary of the chartering of Local 483 will be celebrated on February 16th. To properly celebrate this occasion, your Executive Board has recommended that our members sponsor a "Birthday Party," to be held on Monday, March 13th, for all members and their guests. It is very probable that one of the local night clubs could be taken over for the evening by our members for such a party, and all the proceeds turned into our Welfare Fund, which, by the way, is very badly in need of money! The Executive Board recommends that each member be mailed two tickets, price \$1.00 each, which will be charged against their account with the union. The member receiving the tickets could then use them for his or her own entrance to the party; sell them to a friend who would attend; or return them to the union office AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE PARTY TAKES PLACE and have the charge removed from their account. These suggestions will be put to the membership for a vote at the regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 on February 15th. Be sure you attend and voice your opinion.

President Charles Osterloh has announced the appointment of the full committees who will conduct the study of our wage and conditions agreement, and report to the membership on what changes, if any, are desired by the membership at large. The committees will be requested to hold a meeting on Monday, February 27th for the purpose of studying the present contract and determining the policy to be followed in getting opinions from the other members with whom they work. Committee members will be urged to carefully consider all recommendations made to them by any of the members, and to analyze the condition of our industry as it is today before submitting any recommendations for changes. A second meeting will then be called for Monday, March 6th, at which time the committees will be called on for their report and recommendations. Four committees have been appointed, as follows:

Bartenders: John Schlitt, chairman. Members: Wayne Cantu, Joe Gutierrez, Karl Puhl, Gavin "Scotty" MacNichol, Steve Smario, Dick Counzelman, Tony Foster, John Littleton, Mike Cook, Floyd Lynch, William Kelly, Harry Foster, Sammy Solis, and Ralph Cardwell.

Waitresses: Dorothy Leitz, chairman. Members: Nellie Foster, Josephine Maule, Alma "Sandy" Randle, Lily Arnold, Myra Christman, Agnes Portell, Louise Zanetta, Velma Wardell, Frances Jones, Marie Gonzales, Mildred Hester, Katherine Vucina, Irma Senti, Helen Whitaker, Mary Konantz, Elsie Roberts, Ellen A. Robertson, Madeline Loganarsino, and Dorothy Henry.

Waiters: John Dracos, chairman. Members: John Kalmer, Charles Diliberto, Frank Foster, Alex Honstein, John E. Lambert, Edward L. Lee, and Harley Sutter.

Cooks: Phillip Woodside, chairman. Members: Edgar Cini, Oscar Miller, George Anderson, W. H. Anderson, Tomi Moody, Robert Bradford, Edward Monohan, Mariano Pechon, Frieda Ambrosia, Catherine Cornell, Mary Meredith, and Marjorie Dearing.

Miscellaneous Workers: Warren R. Grieves, chairman. Members: C. W. Wynn, Jerry Smith, Rex Miller, Bennie Armijo, Carrie Search, James McGhee, A. Matsui, George Shipman, James Allison, and Lupe Perez.

It is the opinion of the Execu-

tive Board that such committees, broken down by crafts involved, can do the most thorough job of canvassing the membership and making specific recommendations for contract changes which will apply to their own crafts. Each committee member should keep in mind, however, the fact that the main body of our contract applies to all the members of our union, without regard to sex, craft, or any other consideration.

In the event it is the desire of the membership to open our contracts for re-negotiation, negotiations committee members will be selected from amongst the contract study committee members who have been listed above. Any member of our union who has not been appointed to a committee, and who desires to serve on a committee, can so inform the union office, and he or she will be added to the appropriate committee. The more the merrier, and the better job we'll get done in formulating the consensus of the majority opinion of our entire membership.

The study of contracts and recommendations for changes constitutes the single most important item of business which our union engages in for the entire year. All members of our organization are urged to treat the matter with the seriousness which it deserves, and to put forth their best efforts in doing a good job with this assignment.

Don't forget the proposed fourteenth anniversary party for our union. We can all have a lot of fun—and serve a wonderful cause by adding to our welfare and sick benefit fund. Make certain that you do your part.

GEORGE L. RICE, Secy.

Jobless Total Is Now at New High

Washington.—The Census Bureau reported that unemployment rose to a postwar high of 4,480,000 in mid-January.

Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer said it was due largely to seasonal payoffs and bad weather which caused the halting of construction and farm work.

The estimated number of jobless on Jan. 14 was 991,000 greater than on Dec. 10 and 1,186,000 greater than in January, 1949.

Total employment was estimated at 56,947,000 persons, down 1,609,000 from December. The total a year ago was 57,414,000.

The AFL estimates that jobs for 61,000,000 persons must be provided to keep unemployment at a 2,000,000 average. It pointed out that 5,000,000 unemployed is generally regarded as a "danger" point for the economic prosperity of the country.

Typos Aid Labor Paper

Louisville, Ky.—Members of Local 10, Intl. Typographical Union (AFL) won 6c hourly raises after a week's strike against commercial printing shops. One of the employers was Slater & Gilroy, where printers delayed their strike for two days to enable the firm to get out the Kentucky Labor News. New scale is \$2.06 hourly.

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Must Reading for This Week—

Why They Hate Labor

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—Seventy-two union men who must deal with the press as part of their work gathered in a conference on public relations for labor and reporting labor news at the University of Illinois branch on Chicago's Navy Pier Jan. 28.

Only five or six of the group ever had been professional newspapermen. A painter, a printer, several steel workers, a liquor salesman, an electrician and a milk driver recognized by this writer were more typical of the whole group.

In a Saturday of discussion and exchange of personal experience, they soaked up a little technique to help them compete in the arena of public opinion with the expert, expensive public relations counsel at the disposal of American management.

BOSSSES GET THE BREAKS

Although organized labor has a large and influential press of its own, the management side of the picture has had much better presentation in the general press and other media of general communication. This is labor's fault, largely, according to one of the conference speakers, Ross Stagner, a psychology professor at U. of I.

Stagner said unions in conflict, especially local unions, have failed to put their side of the issues before the public as well as management. Newspapers and other media will accept and publish unions' views, if properly presented, he believed.

"We need a more equal distribution of news," he said. "We are making progress as more and more union people are learning journalism."

As a psychologist, he diagnosed union-hating as a result of (1) frustration, and (2) transfer of anger.

Business men often hate unions, he declared, because they are frustrated by the restrictions which unions impose on the business men's "rights" to exploit the workmen.

A larger group of union-haters, said Prof. Stagner, never have suffered at the hands of organized labor in any way, and may have gained by labor's efforts. But they hate unions anyway because they have to be mad at somebody.

"Maybe their wives kick them out of bed too early in the morning," said Stagner. "They can't kick back. So they are aggressively hostile to unions. They have to have a fight somewhere."

"The same men also hate management, too. But which side has access to the newspapers, the radio, and the magazines? The anti-

union man! The anti-management people are labeled crackpots, or neurotics, and nobody pays any attention to them."

He said it is up to labor's own amateur journalists to break down the stereotyped pictures of labor unions as rackets run by crooks and Communists. It can be done, he declared, by concentration on issues, not personalities.

Machinists to Get Bid to Rejoin AFL

Miami, Fla.—In an important step toward labor unity, the AFL executive council voted to extend an invitation after 60 days to the International Association of Machinists to reaffiliate its 600,000 members with the American Federation of Labor.

AFL President William Green conferred with Machinists President A. J. Hayes on steps to iron out jurisdictional differences between the machinists and AFL unions.

Mr. Hayes was accompanied by Vice President Elmer E. Walker and Secretary-Treasurer Eric Peterson.

The rules of the machinists union require a referendum on the reaffiliation.

"We believe in a united labor movement," Mr. Hayes said. Reaffiliation of the machinists with the AFL is one way to work for it. We are AFL-minded and hope the executive council will make it possible for us to reunite with the federation.

"If so, then we hope that some day the AFL and Congress of Industrial Organizations will unite on the economic field as they are cooperating on the political field so that we may be all the stronger in facing our common opposition."

Kill 52,082 Deer; 'It's Not Enough'

San Francisco.—Official estimates of California's deer population are being revised sharply upward with the announcement that sportsmen in 1949 took a record-breaking total of 52,082 bucks.

The figure is based on the number of deer tags returned by successful hunters to the Division of Fish and Game. The new all-time record tops the previous high set in 1948, when 47,789 bucks were reported taken.

Archers scored a new record, too, with 30 bow-and-arrow kills in 13 counties.

Ben Glading, acting chief of the Bureau of Game Conservation, believes the actual 1949 take of deer in the state is closer to 100,000 animals. An extensive survey conducted last year by the Opinion Research Center of Denver showed that nearly 50 per cent of successful California hunters failed to validate and return their deer tags.

Biological studies reveal that approximately ten deer of both sexes and varying ages are found for each legal buck, Glading said.

"If the take of deer last year was 100,000—and it's quite possible, including illegal and unreported kills—then the 10 to 1 ratio means the state has considerably more than a million deer," Glading asserted. He reported that veteran game managers have conservatively estimated the deer population to be double what it was 20 years ago.

"Ironically," Glading continued, "game experts, conservationists, and informed sportsmen are not elated over the news of greater deer populations. There are just too many deer in California."

"Far more deer die each year from malnutrition, predation, accidents and other natural causes than are taken by hunters. Modern management practices must be inaugurated to assure a higher return of our deer to the hunter."

Be Sure You Are Registered to Vote

Did you fail to vote in the last General Election?

Have you changed your address since your last registration?

Have you changed your name by marriage or any other reason?

Have you been a resident of California for one year and a resident of your county for the last 90 days?

Have you received your final citizenship papers?

If the answer is YES to any one or a combination of the above questions you MUST register in order to vote in the next county, state or national election.

MORE QUESTIONS

Do you honestly believe in our democratic form of government?

Are you a good, practical American?

If the answer is YES to these two questions YOU WILL register as a voter and you WILL VOTE in the next election.

In the next National Election we must get ride of those congressmen who supported the obnoxious Taft-Hartley Act and other anti-labor, reactionary legislation. We must re-elect those progressive minded representatives who opposed the Taft-Hartley bill and other reactionary measures; who at the same time fought for progressive legislation beneficial to the common people. We MUST elect one new United States Senator in the next National Election.

A reactionary State Legislature has stymied and stalled progressive labor legislation this year in the State Assembly and Senate. Such state senators and assemblymen must be removed from office.

San Francisco is fortunate in that it is well represented in the State Senate. The majority of our assemblymen are our friends. However, they will have opposition. We must re-elect our friends.

There are some, however, whose records are not too good. The Union Labor Party will advise you—Defeat your enemies.

Your vote DOES count. You can not vote unless you are registered. Protect yourself. Be a good citizen. Be sure you are a registered voter.

Time Now to Halt Increase in Jobless

Washington.—Now is the time to take preventive action to halt the increase in unemployed workers, the AFL says.

So far the plea has fallen on deaf ears in government and industry.

The accompanying chart shows the dark black pool of unemployed, which had spread widest in the 30s, again expanding after the wartime "full employment." The AFL Labor's Monthly Survey forecasts that this pool will remain at its present width at the right of the chart, representing an average of 5,100,000 unemployed for the whole year of 1950.

"During industrial dull seasons, unemployment would rise considerably above 5,000,000, the figure generally considered the danger point," the AFL said.

"Such a prospect calls for serious consideration and planning. Now is the time to take preventive action. If unemployment is to be no more than the 2,100,000 average in 1947 and 1948, then jobs for 61,000,000 will be needed."

The AFL says that the prospective decline of business after mid-1950 "will test the ability of our free enterprise system to maintain 'full' production and employment."

"Our economy is strong and healthy," the AFL says. "We face in 1950 not a depression but another business readjustment which need not be disruptive if we take the right steps to meet it."

The AFL suggests to its affiliated unions that they continue to drive for wage increases of at least 10 cents an hour to boost consumer buying power. It urges further gradual price declines by business; continued spending by business to improve equipment to maintain employment and raise productivity; reduction by the government of the many taxes paid by consumers.

America's Future

Of the 46 million children in the United States under 18 years of age:

Three out of five live in families with incomes of less than \$2,000 a year.

Four out of five live in families with incomes of less than \$3,000 a year.

One-half live in 32 states which have only one-third of the national income.

Thirty per cent are members of farm families who have only 11 per cent of the national income.

These facts point up the need for such progressive legislation as a national health insurance program, Federal aid for education to supply better-paid teachers and better equipment and services, a farm plan to help make farmers prosperous, a strong minimum wage law and a host of other measures which liberals have fought for.

Pay Vacation Grows in Cal.

(State Fed. Release)

A study of vacation provisions in 1,527 collective bargaining agreements in effect in California during the early months of 1949 reveals that 90 per cent provided for paid vacations, according to a survey by the California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Statistics and Research. In 1941, such vacations were provided for in only 54 per cent of 759 contracts.

The most common form of vacation plan in the agreements for 1949 was the "graduated" type in which the vacation allowance is increased after from two to five years of service. Graduated plans were specified in 60 per cent of the current agreements reviewed. The pattern most frequently specified was one week after one year and two weeks after two years, which occurred in 445 contracts (48 per cent of all graduated plans). One week after one year and two weeks after five years, a common provision during War Labor Board days, was found in 211 contracts, or 23 per cent of all graduated plans.

In 28 per cent the vacation plan was of the "flat" or "uniform" type in which the vacation allowance is the same for succeeding years of service as for the first year. More than three-quarters of the 425 contracts containing flat vacation plans specified two weeks after one year of service. One week after one year was stipulated in about one-fifth of the current agreements.

U.S. Health Plan Unlike British

Miami, Fla.—Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing told the AFL Executive Council that President Truman's health insurance plan, supported by the AFL, is not similar to the British plan.

Ewing said our plan is an insurance program paid for by payroll taxes on workers and employers, whereas the British have socialized medicine paid for by the government out of general revenues.

He urged the AFL to prepare and distribute as widely as possible these pertinent facts about the differences of the U.S. and British plans to counteract the \$3,000,000 "smear" campaign by the American Medical Assn. against federal health insurance.

Ewing said the AMA has succeeded to an alarming degree in spreading misrepresentations concerning the health program.

Frank Edwards reports the news at 10:15 p.m. Monday through Friday on MBS.



TRY AGAIN—"But I can't buy the moon for you."



FOR 3-YEAR DRAFT—Defense Sec. Louis Johnson (l) confers with Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey and Army Sec. Gordon Gray before appearing at a House armed services committee hearing to demand an extension of the present selective service law, which is due to expire June 24. Johnson wants it to continue until July 1, 1953.

WHAT'S DOING AMONG THE APPRENTICES

This is one of a series of educational articles on the Labor-Management Apprenticeship Program. Others will appear from week to week until the entire series of five articles have appeared.

V. ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO PUT THE PROGRAM ON A SOUND BASIS.

A. A bill should be introduced into the Legislature to provide:

1. Continued use of income from sales of books for use in reprinting books as needed.

2. The sum of \$42,500 to continue work on the smaller crafts and to complete all work on the 14 major crafts.

3. The sum of \$75,000 to start a program of development of visual aids for use with the apprentice and journeyman instructional materials.

4. The sum of \$24,000 to defray the cost of revising the books already published so they may be kept up to date and abreast with the latest developments in each craft.

5. The sum of \$40,000 to start a program for the development of instructional materials for journeyman classes.

6. These funds to be specifically allocated to the California State Department of Education, Bureau of Trade and Industrial Education, Instructional Materials Laboratory, in the Vocational Fund.

Good Monopoly?

Assistant Attorney General Herbert A. Bergson points out "there is no such thing as a good monopoly."

"Wherever we have found a monopoly we have also found that it was used selfishly for private benefit rather than for public good," he continues.

"Size in itself is not an anti-trust crime. Neither is the possession of a hunting rifle a crime. But just as a rifle may be used to perpetrate a crime, so may size be an instrument for violating the anti-trust laws."

Irrigation has already increased the agricultural output of Arizona.

Truman Lauds New Wage Law

The new wage-hour legislation which went into effect on January 25 is "an important addition to the laws we lived by," President Truman said last week in Washington, D. C.

"It is a measure dictated by social justice. It adds to our economic strength. It is founded on the belief that full human dignity requires at least a minimum level of economic sufficiency and security."

The legislation establishes a 75-cent minimum rate for the 22 million workers protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act—the federal wage-hour law. It also provides increased protection for children against hazardous industrial employment.

"Ours is a growing society," the President said. "We cannot afford to stand still, and we cannot afford to have our legislation become outmoded. Consequently, in 1949 we re-examined and re-appraised the federal wage-hour law in the light of the 11 years' experience we had had with it and in the context of our present 250 billion dollar national economy."

He added: As now amended, the Fair Labor Standards Act is a good law. But no law can be drafted which will not need reexamination in the light of subsequent developments. I have therefore asked the secretary of labor to keep me informed on the operation of the new law. "I am confident that our employers and workers will find compliance with this law even easier than compliance with the original statute in 1938. I look forward to great and lasting benefits from this legislation."

CLERKS PUSH STATE DRIVE ON SAFEWAY

(State Clerks Release)

New steps were being taken this week to increase further the already sizable state-wide support of the Bay Area clerks' strike against Safeway Stores.

Representatives of the three striking unions were to tell the Safeway story to the executive boards and officers of clerks' unions, from Fresno north to the Oregon line, in a special meeting in Sacramento on February 19.

The special meeting in Sacramento, called by the California State Council of Retail Clerks, will be followed by a similar meeting for clerks' unions in the southern end of the state.

At the same time, leaflet distributors from the San Francisco Clerks Union were making the rounds of Northern California communities to tell the strikers' story.

They have paid visits to San Mateo, Redwood City and other peninsula cities, and were due to follow it up with a visit to Safeway stores in Vallejo. Other communities within reach of the strikers will be similarly visited.

Meantime, an appeal from the Joint Committee of Striking Safeway Employees—made up of strikers from San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties—went out to all labor organizations in California.

The Joint Committee's appeal pointed out:

"Safeway has embarked on a union-smashing campaign that threatens the very foundation of our unions, threatens the protection we have under union contracts since 1937. . . .

"Safeway is in a position to back its union-smashing demands by drawing on the resources of its hundreds of stores throughout California and hundreds more in half the states of the nation. Its enormous wealth and influence are being used to fight us and our unions. . . .

"Even now, Safeway is laying the groundwork for extending its attack to our sister unions in other areas of the state. . . .

The strikers urged members and friends of organized labor not to shop at Safeway stores, saying: "Every dollar spent in a Safeway store buys ammunition for Safeway's attack on our unions."

Add Skilled Workers

Washington.—The Department of Labor estimates that 72,970 craftsmen will be added to the skilled labor force of American industry in 1950 through the federal apprenticeship training program supported by AFL unions.



DIAMOND QUEEN—Lynne Carroll's carrying \$2 million worth of diamonds after being voted the Queen of Gems at a diamond center show in New York. Without jewels she'd still be sparkling.

'It's Easier to Look at Stars . . .'



Washington.—"It's easier to look at stars when your stomach is full," Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL, said in arguing for a strong trade union movement. The eyes of the founder and the heroic figures around him in the statuary honoring his memory are fixed upward on the stars. AFL President William Green lays a wreath at the monument to his predecessor on the 100th anniversary of Mr. Gompers' birth, Jan. 27, 1950.

Monopolies Are Biggest Issue

New York.—Business and industry monopoly "is the most pressing domestic economic problem of our time," U. S. Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath Jan. 25.

Addressing the annual meeting of the New York State Bar Assn.'s anti-trust section, the attorney general said he did not consider bigness as such a crime. But, he added, "we must recognize that size carries with it an opportunity for abuse, and that, therefore, we must be constantly on the alert for these abuses."

Expanding on McGrath's remarks, Asst. Atty. Gen. Herbert A. Bergson said current charges that the government is prosecuting business for size alone "may be the result of a deliberate effort to create a smokescreen to becloud the real issues and objectives of some of our pending cases." Among the pending cases, the one which has attracted most attention is the Justice Dept. suit against the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

In reply to the argument that monopolies may be beneficial to the economy because of reliance on mass production and greater efficiency, Bergson said: "Our experience has shown that there is no such thing as a good monopoly. Whenever we have found a monopoly we have also found that it was used selfishly for private benefit rather than for public good."

Engravers Honored

New York.—Gold pins emblematic of 50 years service were presented to 50 members of the International Photo Engravers Union Local One of the AFL at the organization's 36th annual meeting. The presentation was made by Edward J. Volz, president of the international union.

Frank Edwards reports the news at 10:15 p.m. Monday through Friday on MBS.

Sign Group To Extend '49 Contract

Members of the 12 locals comprising the Western Conference of Sign and Pictorial Artists in the three coast states and Arizona have voted for an extension of their 1949 contract with certain minor modifications.

Representatives of the conference had sought a modest pay increase and shorter work day. Several conferences with employer groups brought few concessions and the union negotiating committee was obligated to take the demands laid in their lap by the membership back for a referendum expression on a course of action.

San Francisco Local 510 had voted to stand by the original conference demands, Richard Wendt, conference secretary and business representative of Local 510 reports.

However, in the referendum balloting, the local was outvoted. One commitment won from the employers was a 5% increase in apprentice rates. The increase will be retroactive to January 1.

The employers also agreed to begin negotiations on a uniform paid health plan sometime before July 1, 1950.

Edw. J. Brown Dies

Washington.—Edward J. Brown, 65, former president of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, died Jan. 31 at George Washington Hospital following a kidney operation. He was president from 1940 to 1946 between terms of Dan W. Tracy, incumbent, and 12th AFL vice-president.

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